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"This award will allow our housing department to continue to develop affordable housing to serve the community," said Blue River's Housing Director Paula Craig. "Without the CHDO Works funds our agency would not be able to develop housing to insure all individuals and families have access to safe affordable housing."

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The six other organizations that received the CHDO Works grants during this round are Community Action Program of Western Indiana, Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development, Inc., Northeast Indiana Housing Partnership, Inc., LifeTime Housing Group, Inc., Housing Partnerships, Inc., and New Albany Floyd County CHDO.

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"This award will help build our capacity to provide better service to the low to moderate income renters as well as helping to explore other housing options for these folks," said Community Action Program of Western Indiana Executive Director Steve Proctor. "We will also be able to counsel families in danger of foreclosure and to spend more time overall surveying the housing needs of our community."

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"This award will allow us to continue to seek out additional projects and funding while our existing projects are in process," said HAND's Director Sage Hales. "HAND will be able to provide the low-income people of Hamilton County with affordable housing options thanks to this CHDO Works award."

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"Our community is in an extremely challenging time as we rebuild from the June 2008 flood," said Housing Partnerships' President Mark Lindenlaub. "This award will allow us to increase our construction staff and affordable home production so that we can serve more families and help preserve our downtown neighborhood."

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"This award will allow us to continue expanding housing options for older adults in our community," said LifeTime's Deputy Director Luan Male. "We are particularly excited about beginning a new project which will provide an aging in place rental option for our aging adults."

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"This award will allow us to expand our work to preserve the housing stock for low to moderate income persons in our communities," said David Koenig of Northeast Indiana Housing Partnership, Inc. "We would like to purse homeownership counseling and education as well as neighborhood revitalization through housing rehab within the cities and towns in our service area. Thanks to this award, we will be able to do so."

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"This award will allow us to continue our development and expand our counseling, credit, budget and homeownership classes," said New Albany Floyd County CHDO Deputy Director Pat Yense-Woosley. "Without this award we would not have been able to get by for the next twelve months."

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